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## 10/16/2012 Minutes

Sustainable Arlington Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2012

Present: Charlotte Milan (reporting), David Landskov, Gail McCormick, Elizabeth Karpati, Dave Haas, Michael Wolfson, Marc Breslow, Laura Notman

Ecofest committee meeting starts this Friday

SA ecofest meeting group will be gathered via email

SA might work on draught, flooding, - send email to whole SA yahoo list to invite to work on that

Master planning committee

Dave h, charlotte, gail, gail has name of someone

What can we, as a group, bring to tomorrow night

What can SA bring to the master planning process?

- Increase co-working space, incubators, how tie into climate change? Share resources, less commuting, help density/ non residential uses of town spaces, commercial spaces are homogenous, using spaces for different purposes at different times, shared parking (changing parking rules), Brookline has some parking that shares between commercial and residential
- Car-sharing such as Zipcar
- Bus shelters update, should there be a bus route preservation plan/advocacy group? Is the TAC tasked with advocacy at the state level?
- Stores- is there a need for larger commercial spaces, to avoid driving so far for clothing?
- What are the challenges with zoning for multistory retail?
- Density is an important theme
- Support of local diverse retail, especially multi-purpose retail

What we can bring to the Master planning process?

- Consciousness of energy use in buildings, residences, services
- Can the master plan help commercial businesses help reduce, compost?
- How does the way we permit and zone enable businesses to reduce waste?
- Help population make the connections between their consumer/behavior choices and the use of resources at the community, state, national and planetary level?
- Zoning- can combine resources that allows for sharing of services that allows entities to follow energy conservation activities
- Neighborhood level FOC networks

Climate adaptation vs. mitigation- what approach can we follow?

- Can Town lead residents and businesses in adopting climate mitigation/adaptation behavior/decisions? What would work?
- Does the Town have plans to deal with Stormwater management? Flooding in Alewife, sand bar in Spy Pond- who's job is it?
- How can the town keep the public aware of plans? Keep the goals/activities
- Can we decide which other meetings going on it Town WE should be attending, and then go and visit
- Who else besides us would support more transparency in order to provide the vision of the interconnectedness of our goals with all of the other activities in Town
- The future may not look like the present

New Business

- After Solarize- what are other things people can do to conserve energy?
- Michael went to a Sustainable Belmont
- Laura will follow up with us through email to set up an event with 3 different types of organizations